

PROCLAMATION NORTH DAKOTANS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH

September 2007

WHEREAS, Cystic Fibrosis is the most common fatal, genetic disease in the United States, affecting more than 30,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis attacks vital bodily functions, particularly breathing and digestion; and

WHEREAS, A significant commitment of time and financial resources is required each day to effectively treat the symptoms of the disease and to help prolong the life of those with it, and a combination of consistent treatment and genetic research is allowing a growing number of North Dakotans with cystic fibrosis to become contributing members of North Dakota's society and economy; and

WHEREAS, It is important that our fellow citizens who have cystic fibrosis be encouraged to continue the essential care they need to maintain optimum health; and

WHEREAS, It is equally important to acknowledge and applaud the commitment of those North Dakotans who have cystic fibrosis, their families, medical personnel and non-profit organizations who assist them for their on-going efforts to treat the symptoms of the disease and improve their quality of life, while striving, hoping and praying for the eventual cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2007, as **NORTH DAKOTANS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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